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PATENT

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Applicant	:	Egan, et al.
Appl. No.	:	09/919,739
Filed	:	July 31, 2001
For	:	ACTIVITY PREDICTION MODELS
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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 17, 2002, please amend the above captioned patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Applicant hereby cancels Claims 1, 2, and 9-16 without prejudice to their continued prosecution in later filed divisional applications.

Please add Claims 17 and 18 as set forth below.

17. (NEW) A method for predicting at least one property of a candidate molecule, said method comprising:

the method of Claim 3, further comprising comparing structural characteristics of said candidate molecule with structural characteristics of at least one of said marker molecules.

18. (NEW) The method of Claim 17, wherein the at least one property is high protein binding.



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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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CLAIMS AS FILED

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